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THE CABOT MEDALS.

Physical Development Encouraged by Yearly Award of Five Medals.

The Cabot Medals are awarded each year to those students who, during the school year show the greatest gain in physical development. The late Mr. Samuel Cabot, a member of the Corporation, offered in 1900 these prizes. It was the donor's desire to impress the students with the value of physical training, and to awaken an interest in gymnasium work. To this end, particular emphasis was laid on the fact that the medals were not to be given for greatest strengh, but to the students making the most noticeable improvement in physical development through regular attendance at the gymnasium. The students of the Architectural Department were asked to submit designs for the medals, and prizes were offered for the three most suitable drawings. The medal was designed by Mr. Henry H. Kitson, the noted sculptor, under the advice of Professor Despradelle. The medal is of bronze and three inches in diameter. On its face is the figure of an athlete holding in his right hand a winged victory bearing a laurel wreath, and in his left hand a palm branch. On the reverse of the medal, between two flaming torches, is a miniature of the Rogers Building, with the following inscription underneath:

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The medal is very fine in design and workmanship, and is much admired and praised by all who see it.

In May, 1901, the Committee on Award of the Cabot Prizes recommended:

1. That the prizes be offered at the beginning of each school year to those students who, in the judgement of a committee appointed by the President, have made marked improvement from attention to physical training during the year.

2. That these prizes consist of bronze medals which shall be known as the Cabot Medals for Improvement in Physical Training and that no distinction of rank be made in awarding them.

3. That the number to be awarded each year be left to the discretion of the Committee of Award, and be determined by the number of men whom the committee shall consider to have made sufficient physical improvement to entitle them to the honor.

The first award of bronze medals was made in 1901 and yearly since that time. Medals will be publicly presented to men who won them last season, in about two weeks at the Saturday night Kommers at the Union. Five medals are again offered this year, and their intrinsic worth and the value to the student of the development for which they stand have aroused a widespread and active interest among the undergraduates.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he would like to give a cup for the best Rugby football team in America.

WINTER CONCERT AND DANCE.

Musical Clubs Making Final Arrangements for Annual Event. Tickets now Ready.

Final arrangements are being made for the Annual Winter Concert of the musical clubs to be held in the New Century Building on Tuesday evening, December 18. These annual concerts have proved in the past to be one of the leading social events of the Institute life, and have been well attended and successful in every way. The concert this year promises to be quite as good a production as those of previous years, and it is the hope of the management that every Tech man will lend it his hearty support.

A large number of good men have come out for the clubs this year, practice has been well attended, and a few very good concerts have already been given. The concert to be given this evening at the East Baptist Church in Lynn will be the last one before the Winter Concert, and the men will devote the intervening time to preparation for that event.

A dance, the music for which will be furnished by Poole's orchestra, will be held in Howe Hall immediately after the concert. The program for the concert has not yet been arranged but it promises to contain some very excellent numbers by the various clubs, and also something in the line of extra solos, which have worked successfully in this season's concerts.

Tickets for the concert will be fifty cents, and for the concert and dance, one dollar. These may be procured after today from members of any of the clubs and will be exchanged for reserved seat tickets on Monday, December 17, in Rogers corridor.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Mr. Mathew C. Brush, M. I. T. '01, II, gave a very interesting talk to the Electrical Engineering Society Monday evening at the Tech Union.

Mr. Brush's talk was entirely non-technical and he dealt with his experiences in working up to his present position of general manager of the Boston Suburban Company. He outlined his experience as a shop apprentice, as a steamboat clerk, as a general foreman in a small western town, and as an official of the Long Island Railway. He dealt mostly with his idea as to how men in all positions should be treated and dealt with. He believes strongly in self confidence in a man and in the ability to put up a strong bluff when the occasion arises.

Tech men, he said, are mostly criticised because they have not learned the value of friendships and are too much like machines. He thinks that the strongest element of success is not actual knowledge, but a man's personality and his ability to handle men. John D. Rockefeller was quoted as saying that the most valuable thing in a man and the thing least found is ability to deal properly with other men. Mr. Brush also read two poems that were well received. Beer and pretzels were served and after the talk several Tech songs were sung.

TECH SHOW SELECTED.

Work of E. W. James, '07, Accepted for This Year's Production.

The Management of the Tech Show announce the final selection of this year's production. Mr. Edwin W. James, '07, is the author, and it is understood that this year's Show will surpass previous efforts. While it is outside the policy of the Management to announce at this time the name of the production, it nevertheless can be said that the play this year has been written with an idea of pleasing those who desire more or less of the local Show, as well as those who wish to see the Show developed into a more professional production. There will be more of the local hits and specialties this year than heretofore.

The Management wishes to meet all those men who intend to write music and lyrics for this year's Show, and will give them an idea of the plot and assign different subjects for competition in this line. All men interested in this part of the work will meet in 34 Rogers at 1.30 P.M., Saturday, Dec. 8. Too much cannot be said in urging men to come out for this branch of the work, as a man never realizes what he is capable of unless he takes a hand, and it is surprising how many have been developed in this way. There is a good chance for work to be accepted.

BASKETBALL TEAM CHOSEN.

The basketball team for the first game of the season was picked Saturday from the largest squad that has been out for a number of years. Seven players were decided upon to go into this first game, and were measured for their suits. However, the final make-up of the team is still uncertain, and will not be fixed for several weeks. The uncertainty is due to the number of second team men who are showing up well and who may be moved later into regular places.

The team will go into this first contest as follows: Capt. Kinnear, '07, right forward; Cahill, '10, left forward; Pierce, '08, center; Bitler, '07, right guard; Wentworth, '09, left guard. The substitutes are Whitmore, '08, for guard, and Gregory, '08, for guard or center.

H. C. Shoenthal, '05, captain of the 1903 Tech team, who is coaching the team this year, is extremely satisfied with the showing made thus far. He complains of the lack of heavy men, but says that the team will be much better and faster than that of last year. He has been coaching the men very little as yet on team work, but will use this week to develop the team in this respect.

Manager Foster of the second team is now arranging his schedule and has part of it made up as follows: Dec. 7, Boston College at Boston College gymnasium; Jan. 3, Gloucester High at Gloucester; Jan. 5, Malden High at Malden; Jan. 26, Bridgewater Normal at Bridgewater; Feb. 13, Tufts second at the gymnasium; Feb. 16, Mass. Normal Art School at the gymnasium; Feb. 26, Tufts second at Tufts gymnasium, Medford.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

1.00 P.M. 1909 Relay Team will have their picture taken at Hearn's.

8.00 P.M. Catholic Club Meeting in 16 Rogers.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.

4.00 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal at the Tech Union.

4.15 P.M. Prom Committee Meets in Trophy Room.

6.00 P.M. Missouri Club Meeting at the Tech Union.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

2.00 P.M. Convocation in Huntington Hall to meet Dr. Van Dyke.

4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.

4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Tech Union.

8.00 P.M. Henry E. Crampton will address the Technology Club.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Dynamics of Machines. — An examination will be held in Dynamics of Machines on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 2 o'clock, in 20 Eng. A.

Fourth Year.—A special examination will be held in Hydraulic Measurements on Saturday, Dec. 8, in 50 Eng. A, from 2 to 4 P.M.

NOTICES.

Found.—A watch has been found and owner may procure the same by applying to Bursar Rand.

Orchestra Rehearsal.—The Tech Orchestra will hold a rehearsal at the Tech Union Thursday at 4 o'clock.

1908 Prom Committee.—There will be a meeting of the Junior Prom Committee in the Trophy Room, Rogers, tomorrow at 4.15 P.M.

'09 Relay Team.— The picture of the team will be taken Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 1 o'clock at Hearn's on Tremont Street. It is important that every member be present and on time.

Architects. — The Architectural Society will hold a smoker this evening at 8 o'clock at the Tech Union. Mr. Robert D. Andrews will speak on H. H. Richardson, the Architect.

Convocation. — There will be a Convocation in Huntington Hall on Friday, December 7, at 2 P.M. to meet Dr. Henry Van Dyke of Princeton. All exercises due at 2 o'clock will be postponed until 2.30. The President asks a full attendance.

First Year.— The first lecture on "Choice of Course" will be given at four o'clock this afternoon in 6 Lowell, immediately after drill. The Dean, Dr. Tyler, and Dr. Noyes will speak. All first year students are expected to be present.

Missouri Men.—The Missouri Club will hold a dinner at the Union, Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6 P.M. All men who have at any time resided in Missouri are cordially invited to attend. Those who wish to attend are requested to notify J. B. Harlow, 525 Newbury Street.

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The Institute Calendar.

The Institute calendar has often been a subject of discussion among students, some of whom fail to understand the advantages of the present arrangement of a long summer vacation with exceptionally short intermissions during the year. In this connection it is appropriate to quote from a paper by Professor Tyler:

"The present calendar represents, on the whole, a sort of equilibrium, not necessarily stable, among various forces, a variation in which may lead to changes.

"The length of the year is determined, apart from general usage, by a belief that it corresponds with the maximum efficiency both of teachers, who must do much more than teach if they would teach best, and for maturing students, taking due account for both, of intensity of application during the school year. If the school year were lengthened with proportionate reduction of intensity of application, some might benefit—as some actually do by taking summer courses—but there would be much disadvantage to those teachers and students who now make summer engagements of value in one way or another. The student of slender means would lose both in earning power and in increased cost of living.

"We now come to the four legal holidays — Thanksgiving, Christmas, Washington's Birthday, and Patriot's Day. Shall all or any be augmented by additional days? What shall also be said about the student institution, Junior Week? The Institute owes its foundation and continued existence primarily to the work done in and for it by its students. Every day taken out of its relatively brief school year diminishes the opportunities offered to some of its students, and this is particularly important in the case of laboratory work, when a single day may mean a fifteenth of the term's work. Certain economic laws are curiously distorted by occasional undergraduate reasoning. The student comes to the Institute for the sake of its opportunities for work, paying a considerable price in time as well as in money. Thereafter he none the less welcomes a partial withdrawal of the opportunity, and reluctance of the Faculty to grant it may even be deemed ungenerous.

"How long should these short intermissions be, bearing in mind that increase in their combined duration will be either at the expense of the short school year or of the summer vacation? Some fifty per cent of the students live within a few hours journey, and can reach home even for the isolated holiday. A smaller proportion live too far away or are too limited in funds to go home at all unless in the summer. The single day at Thanksgiving and at Washington's Birthday represent one solution, the movable three days in April another, the even week at Christmas a third; each of these may be best for a particular minority of students. Beyond a certain limit, different for different persons, a few days vacation becomes a harmful interruption rather than a means of recuperation.

"One advantage of our January vacation may be worth mentioning at this time, before that vacation comes. The attractions of the New England mountains for the vacation pedestrian in summer need no advocate. The end of January is not a less eligible season for a mountain outing, and the student who uses it thus for the first time will scarcely fail to gain a new appreciationn of nature and quick exhilaration in the respite of work.

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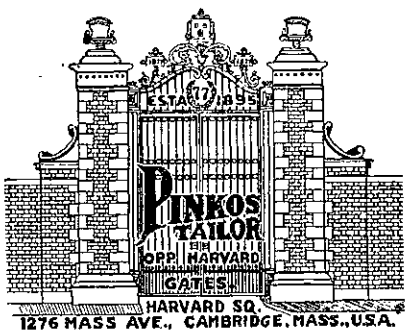

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The Social Educational Congress has just concluded its meetings in this city. Meetings were held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of last week. These were attended by famous educators from all over the country and many excellent addresses were made.

The Congress was called and supervised very largely by James P. Munroe, a well known member of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The idea originated with the Social Education Club of Boston and it received the support and endorsement of all other educational organizations in this part of the country.

In recent educational development too much emphasis has been laid on purely vocational training, instruction in the line taken up only. The complexities of our modern life and society, however, demand that young people receive a like systematic training in those civic and social duties which play so large a part in our lives. It was to call attention to this necessity that the Congress was organized.

James P. Munroe presided at all the meetings. Other people connected with the Institute who took part in the Congress were H. W. Tyler, who was on the Hospitality Committee, and Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, of the Chemistry Department who spoke at one of the meetings.

In closing Chairman Munroe said;

"Were we to attempt to strengthen and build up the family, to create the social organism, without making the soul the center of that family and of that organism, we should be weaving ropes of sand, and making ribbons of rainbows. The human body, the human mind, and the human hand, ought not to, and, fortunately in most cases they cannot, be educated without at the same time educating the human soul."

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CATHOLIC CLUB.

The Rev. Henri de la Chapelle will address a meeting of the Catholic Club in 16 Rogers this evening at 8 o'clock on "The Present Religious Crisis in France." This talk will be a most timely one as the new French law will go into effect December 12. All students are invited to attend.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB.

The Technology Club will listen to a Smoke Talk by Professor Henry E. Crampton, of Columbia University, on "A Naturalist in Tahiti," Friday evening, Dec. 7, at 8 o'clock. The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides. Members have the privilege of bringing guests.

COLONIAL THEATRE

Elsie Janis is the newest star to win Boston favor, and she has scored an unquestioned success in "The Vanderbilt Cup." The new musical comedy is as rapid as an automobile race, and it rushes on to positive prosperity. Miss Janis is especially clever in her imitations of popular players of the day, and the audiences cannot begin to get enough of this feature. Indeed the whole show is a lively one, and the college boys have not been slow in finding that out.

PARK THEATRE

Clara Bloodgood will be back again in Boston next week, and at the Park Theatre she will present Clyde Fitch's newest play, "The Truth." Boston well remembers the hit which she made here in "The Girl with the Green Eyes" which was written by this author, and many nice things are expected from this later work. It has been splendidly received throughout the West and now it comes to Boston after a chain of unbroken artistic successes wherever it has been presented.

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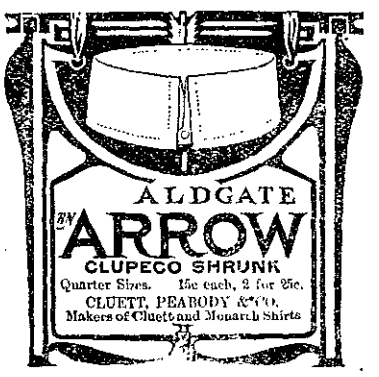

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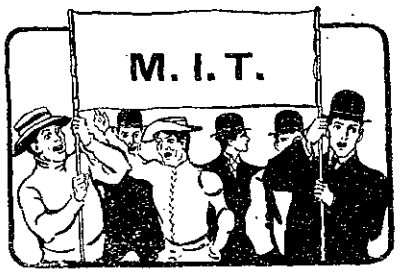

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